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## **ABSTRACT**

The invention concerns 2-oxo-1-pyrrolidine derivatives and a process for preparing them and their uses. The invention also concerns a process for preparing  $\alpha$ -ethyl-2-oxo-1-pyrrolidine acetamide derivatives from unsaturated 2-oxo-1-pyrrolidine derivatives. Particularly the invention concerns novel intermediates and their use in methods for the preparation of S- $\alpha$ -ethyl-2-oxo-1-pyrrolidine acetamide.